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numbers of Ustachis and anti-Communist Poles have been arriving in Argentina, and more are enroute.)

b. Sergueev has been unable to obtain a definite commitment from Argentina regarding a Soviet-Argentine trade treaty, and he feels that Argentine-Soviet relations have become more delicate following President Peron's recent speeches attacking Communism.

6. The second source believes that the above factors have motivated Sergueev's recall, and that the Soviet Ambassador will not return to Buenos Aires. This source points out that Sergueev is apparently making arrangements to take almost all his effects back to Russia with him.

7. The second source added that in local Slav circles Sergueev is considered to be one of Stalin's trusted men. During the Spanish Civil War, while he was stationed in Milan, Sergueev checked on the movements of Italian submarines which might have been aiding Franco. He was later Attaché and Charge d'Affaires in Greece, and when Germany invaded Russia, he joined the Red Army and was named Chief of the European Section of the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs. In 1945 he was Soviet Ambassador to Belgium.

8. The second source also reported that there is much concern in the Slav Union over Sergueev's departure and the repercussions that may result.

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Comment: Although sources are not entirely in agreement on the reasons for Sergueev's recall, it is apparent that he is not returning to Moscow merely for consultation and to take a vacation. He has been in Argentina only a year, having presented his credentials on 12 September 1946. The fact that he is returning by ship indicates that Moscow is in no hurry to "consult" him about the situation in Argentina. Soviet annoyance with the Cantorines may, in fact, be the principal reason for Sergueev's return, although other factors, such as the present anti-Communist campaign in Argentina and Sergueev's personal unpopularity there, may also be involved.

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